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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 1746

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SUBJECT: REPLENISHMENT FOR USN SHIPS

1. ON FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, THE USAF AND USN CARRIED OUT A JOINT EXERCISE IN KARACHI USING USAF C-141S, MASROOR PAF BASE AND USN HELICOPTERS TO REPLENISH THE CARRIER ENTERPRISE. THIS WAS FIRST TIME MISSION HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SUCH AN OPERATION, AND WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PASS ON TO ADDRESSEES OUR VIEWS ON THE EXERCISE AND A RECOMMENDATION ON HOW THEY SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE FUTURE.

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2. MAJOR DIFFICULTY FACED WAS THAT EXERCISE PUT CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON BOTH DAO AND CONSULATE RESOURCES AND THAT LACK OF LIAISON OFFICER FROM MILITARY COMMANDS DIRECTLY INVOLVED CAUSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION, MISMANAGEMENT AND MISUNDERSTANDING. IT IS MISSION POLICY THAT A REPRESENTATIVE FROM DAO BE IN KARACHI FOR ALL EXERCISES WHEN US FORCES ARE USING PAKISTANI FACILITIES. SINCE WE HAVE NO MILREP IN KARACHI,

SOMEONE MUST BE SENT FROM ISLAMABAD. CONSEQUENTLY, BOTH DEFATT AND ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE WERE IN KARACHI FOR THE EXERCISE; AT LEAST ONE WAS AT MASROOR AIR BASE FOR ENTIRE TIME. HOWEVER, IT APPEARED TO DAO THAT BOTH USAF AND USN EXPECTED TO TO BE IN CHARGE OF MANAGING ENTIRE REPLENISHMENT EXERCISE AT MASROOR AB. THE MISSION HAS NOT THE TIME, PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR REQUIREMENTS OR RESOURCES TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE AND THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE OPERATION DIRECTLY RESULTED FROM THIS MISUNDERSTANDING.

3. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DUE TO POOR MANAGEMENT AND LIAISON. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN UNDULY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE CONSULATE'S VEHICLES WERE USED TO SUPPORT THE TWO DAY OPERATION. THIS IS AN UNREASONABLE DEMAND TO BE LEVIED ON OUR CONSULATE AND ARRANGEMENTS IN THE FUTURE SHOULD BE MADE FOR LOCAL RENTAL OF VEHICLES, BY ADVANCE LIAISON OF OPERATIONAL COMMAND. A 10,000 POUND FORKLIFT WAS NEEDED FOR THE EXERCISE AND BOTH USAF AND USN REPS SAID THEY HAD WORD FROM DAO THAT ONE WOULD BE PROVIDED. THIS WAS NOT CORRECT AND THE UNLOADING OF THE C-141S FELL BEHIND SCHEDULE DUE TO LACK OF HEAVY-DUTY FORKLIFT. THE C-141 DEPARTURES WERE DELAYED, ONE BY FOUR HOURS AND ONE BY A FULL DAY. WE HAVE TO REQUEST CLEARANCE FOR SPECIFIC DEPARTURE TIMES TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE FOR EVERY US AIRCRAFT ENTERING AND LEAVING PAKISTAN. WHEN THESE TIMES ARE NOT FOLLOWED, IT CAN CAUSE DIFFICULTIES WITH GOP AUTHORITIES.

4. SEVERAL REPLENISHMENT FLIGHTS WERE MADE BY HELICOPTERS AFTER DARK, WHICH IS AGAINST GOP FLIGHT REGULATIONS. ONE HELICOPTER DROPPED PART OF ITS LOAD, FORTUNATELY IN A DESERTED AREA ON MASROOR AB SO THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ANOTHER HELICOPTER
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SPRAYED SO MUCH DIRT AND GRAVEL ON THE RAMP FROM ITS DOWNWASH THAT THE PAF HAD TO CLOSE THE AREA TO ITS JETS. THESE WERE JUST SOME OF THE PROBLEMS FACED, SOME MINOR, OTHERS RELATIVELY IMPORTANT. THEY ALL SERVE TO SHOW, HOWEVER, HOW LACK OF ADEQUATE ADVANCE LIAISON AND COORDINATION CAUSES UNACCEPTABLE DIFFICULTIES IN SUCH EXERCISES.

5. DAO STANDS READY TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING CLEARANCES AND WILL ASSIGN OFFICER TO REPLENISHMENT EXERCISES TO SERVE AS MISSION REPRESENTATIVE AND PROVIDE SERVICES WITHIN ITS CAPABILITY. HOWEVER, TO AVOID PROBLEMS SUCH AS OCCURRED DURING FEBRUARY 9-10 OPERATION, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE MILITARY COMMAND DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN REPLENISHMENT EXERCISE SEND A LIAISON OFFICER, WITH FUNDING AUTHORITY, TO KARACHI SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OF EXERCISE TO LAY THE NECESSARY GROUNDWORK AND COORDINATE DURING OPERATION. BOTH DAO AND CONSULATE WILL ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY THEY CAN WITHIN THEIR OWN RESOURCES. WE MUST INSIST, HOWEVER, THAT NO FURTHER REPLENISHMENT EXERCISES BE REQUESTED UNLESS THIS CONDITION IS MET. WE NOTE THAT MIDEASTFOR HAS AGREED

TO STATION LIAISON OFFICER FOR REQUESTED DUPONT REPLENISHMENT
IN KARACHI. WILL APPRECIATE COOPERATION OF ALL ADDRESSEES IN
THIS MATTER.
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